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***Acknowledgement to reply Brief***

The reply brief filed on 5/22/2006 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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